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SUBJ: YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS PROJECT

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1. EMBOFF PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL TO ARAI OF FONOFF (DIRECTOR, FIRST EAST EUROPE DIVISION) WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLEAR STATEMENT OF US POLICY. ARAI SAID FONOFF HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF YASUKAWA/ROBINSON CONVERSATION IN WHICH JAPANESE EMBASSY REPORTED ROBINSON HAD TAKEN QUOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDE UNQUOTE TOWARDS US PROCEEDING ON PRIVATE FINANCING BASIS, BUT REPORT DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER ROBINSON WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY OR FOR USG.

2. ARAI SAID GOJ HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO ANZAI AND WOULD NOT DO SO UNTIL ALL THE FACTS ARE IN. (ANZAI HAD WANTED GOJ TO AUTHORIZE JAPAN EXIM BANK VICE PRESIDENT HOSHINO TO RAISE YAKUTSK DURING CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, BUT SUGGESTION WAS TURNED DOWN BY FOREIGN MINISTER). ARAI SAID THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW FINANCING
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IS ARRANGED ON US SIDE, IF JAPAN EXIM BANK WERE TO

PARTICIPATE IN YAKUTSK, A NEW PROTOCOL WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED AND THAT THIS WOULD INVOLVE LONG AND HARD NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AS FOR QUESTION OF WHETHER PRIVATE US FINANCING WOULD SATISFY GOJ REQUIREMENTS FOR US PARTICIPATION, ARAI SAID THAT THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT QUESTION THAT COULD NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL ALL THE FACTS WERE KNOWN. HE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY KEEP FONOFF COMPLETELY CURRENT ON BOTH USG POLICY TOWARDS YAKUTSK AND DEVELOPMENTS ON US PRIVATE INDUSTRY SIDE.
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